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11. (ONCE AMENDED) An access system as recited in claim 8, wherein said objects comprise a query object.

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14. (ONCE AMENDED) A patient records and document access system, comprising:
a healthcare system providing access limited to patient records through a user interface;
a document management system separate from said healthcare system and providing an application programming interface separate from and used by said healthcare system to access patient documents; and
an integration interface including modifications to the user interface of said healthcare system allowing a request for access to a patient document and viewing of patient documents.

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22. (NEW) A method for integrating an existing healthcare system with an existing patient document management system, comprising:
adding an application program interface (API) to the existing patient document management system, with the API providing application-level access to the patient document management system;
incorporating into an existing interface of the existing healthcare system objects of the API, including a GUI control, a query manager, and a logon manager, with the logon manager using logon information shared with the existing interface to automatically authenticate a user of the patient document management system; and
displaying a view of patient information in the healthcare system while simultaneously displaying in the GUI control a view of a document corresponding to and responsive to the patient information, and retrieved by the query manager.

REMARKS

INTRODUCTION

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 4, 6, 11, and 14 have been amended. Claim 22 has been added. No new matter is being presented, and approval and entry are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-22 are pending and under consideration.